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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EASTERN CAPACITY INCREASE

1. EASTERN AIRLINES PROPOSES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5, 1973, TO INTRODUCE THE L-1011 AIRCRAFT (250 SEATS) ON US ROUTE A BETWEEN NEW YORK AND MEXICO AND TO SUBSTITUTE DC8-61 (197 SEATS) EQUIPMENT FOR THE DC8-21 (139 SEATS) EQUIPMENT USED IN THE FALL OF 1972 ON THIS ROUTE. THE USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT IS REQUIRED BECAUSE, AS OF SEPTEMBER 1973, EASTERN WILL HAVE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF PROVIDING NEW YORK-MEXICO SERVICE, SINCE ALL DC8-21'S WILL HAVE BEEN RETIRED FROM ITS FLEET. NO INCREASE IN FREQUENCY IS PROPOSED BUT USE OF THE LARGER AIRCRAFT WILL RESULT AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY. DUE TO LOADING RESTRICTIONS, RESULTING FROM ALTITUDE AND TEMPERATURE FACTORS DURING THE FALL SEASON, THE PAYLOAD OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE LIMITED ON THE NORTHBOUND FLIGHTS TO 160 PASSENGERS ON THE L-1011 AND 118 PASSENGERS ON THE DC8-61. WITH THESE LIMITATIONS THERE WILL

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BE AN INCREASE OF 30 PERCENT IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WHEN COMPARED TO THE SAME SEASON OF 1972, BUT OF ONLY 4 PERCENT WHEN COMPARED TO THE FALL OF 1971 WHEN EASTERN USED DC8-63 (199 SEATS) EQUIPMENT ON THIS SERVICE. IN 1972 EASTERNS LOAD FACTORS ON THE NEW YORK- MEXICO CITY, ACAPULCO SERVICE WERE 54 PERCENT, BUT THE MARKET IS SHOWING AT 10 PERCENT ANNUAL GROWTH RATE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

2. USG HAS PRE- SCREENED PROPOSED INCREASE AND FINDS IT JUSTIFIED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE 8, 9 AND 10 OF AGREEMENT. EMBASSY REQUESTED NOTIFY FONOFF ASAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES PARA 2 OF JULY 31, 1970, EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN AMB. AND SECTY COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT.

3. COORDINATE WITH EASTERN LOCAL REPSO THAT HE MAY SUBMIT PROPOSED SCHEDULES DGAC AND GIVE AMPLE NOTICE TO GROUND SERVICE CONTRACTOR (AERO MEXICO) TO INSURE AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY GROUND/ SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. RUSH

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